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TOP STUDENTS NAMED

The highest scholastic honors have been awarded to valedictorian, Pat Rogus and salutatorian, Bernadine Botlock.

Pat has maintained the highest scholastic standing in the graduating class of 52. In her senior year Pat has held the offices of class treasurer and Sodality vice-prefect. She has been a member of the Casmirette staff, a CSMC member, and a valuable player on the basketball court.

Bernadine has been elected the president of the CSMC and was an active member in the Glee Club. She has been awarded a one-year tuition scholarship to Madonna College.

Other seniors have merited honors for their scholastic achievement. Highest honors will be conferred on Betty Bednarz, Diana Chmiel, and Pat Krause; and high honors, on Joan Baran, Bob Butcher, and Bernardine Krzesowiak.

52 SENIORS TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Diplomas will be presented to 52 seniors at St. Casimir Church on June 9. The baccalaureate services for the graduating class will be held at the 10:00 Mass with Rev. Edward Maisel as celebrant. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. L. Pelczynski, M. I. C.

Prior to this climactic event the seniors were honored by the juniors and the underclassmen during the annual farewell programs.

ROGUS GETS READER'S DIGEST AWARD

Pat Rogus, valedictorian of the graduating class at St. Casimir high school, has been given the Annual Award of the Reader's Digest Association for students who by their

successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community, it was announced by Sister M. Amelberga, principal.

Pat will receive an honorary subscription to The Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the Editors, "in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

The Reader's Digest Association has presented these awards yearly in senior high schools throughout the United States and Canada to the highest honor student of the graduating class.

The award to Pat Rogus who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rogus of 7445 Barrie Street, was made possible through the cooperation of the principal, Sister M. Amelberga, and the teaching staff. They selected Pat to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

Seniors Named Outstanding Citizens

Robert Butcher and Patricia Krause have been chosen as "outstanding citizens" by members of their class and their teachers.

Loyalty, leadership, activities, reliability, and scholarship were taken into consideration in selecting the winners. Rather than rating students for top grades alone, however, the scholarship qualifications

emphasized "academic achievement based on ability."

Bob and Pat, with other winners of the 80 participating schools, were honored at a Chrysler-sponsored Youth Award luncheon on May 29 at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Each senior received a certificate signed by the police commissioner and the principal or his or her high school. In addition to this, a special-designed bronze plaque for the school has been presented by the Chrysler Corporation. The plaque will be permanently displayed in the school with the names of winners engraved each year at commencement time.

The Detroit Police Department has established the program of annual Youth Awards for Detroit high school seniors. Co-sponsors with the Police Department in the annual presentation are that the Detroit Board of Education, the Parochial School System, and Chrysler Corporation.



Loretta Valla, Sodality Prefect, crowning the Blessed Virgin, as Queen of May. (Balloun Studio)



Richard Bardzel "Richie"

Sociable and carefree... an expert on dinosaurs... favors dancing and good music... dreams of becoming a commercial artist.



Joan Baran "Daisy"

A girl who has the ability to make friends and keep them... an accomplished pianist at everybody's service... likes Italian food, music, and cheerful companions... dislikes sophisticated people... Joan plans to be a secretary.



Betty Bednarz

Ambitious and conscientious... always ready to lend a hand... loves famous Italian dishes... irritated by crowded buses... interested in college... to be a teacher is her goal.



Genevieve Bielak "Gene"

Obliging lass... reserved and gracious manner... enjoys modern jazz, people, and dancing... sarcastic people are her peeve... hopes to become a secretary.



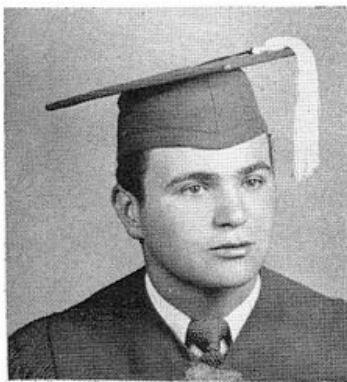
Josephine Bolek "Josey"

Quiet and industrious... enjoys lively parties and singing... dislikes two-faced people and stormy weather... member of the Glee Club... intends to be a policewoman.



Bernadine Botlock "Bernie"

A reserved and friendly lass with a sweet smile for everyone... reliable and cooperative... finds math and science interesting... immature people annoy her... aims to get a college diploma.



Robert Butcher "Bob"

Amusing, clever, fun-loving... enjoys keen competition... the Student Council President... his ambition is to be a draftsman.



Judith Campau "Judy"

A friendly, likeable miss who has many friends... her likes include horses and drafting... does not get along with persistent people and those who talk more than she does... has an eye on a draftsman's job.



Diane Chmiel "Flash"

Considerate, sincere, and friendly... a sparkling personality... helpful... likes humorous people... loathes gossip... finds pleasure in dancing... desires to be a nurse.



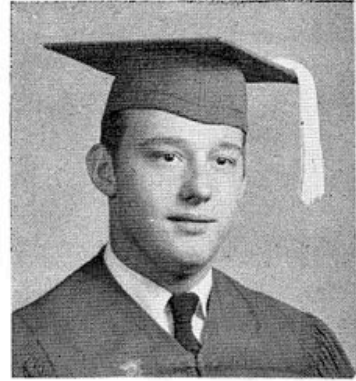
Henrietta Chmura "Hank"

Friendly, fun loving, and lively... duties of a student manager kept her busy... enjoys sitting in the drugstore, sipping cokes... loud mufflers are her pet peeve... her ambition is to be a secretary.



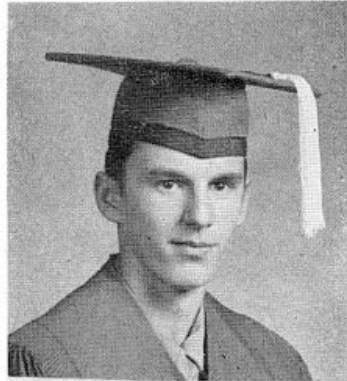
Camille Cichon "Rabbit"

Humorous and energetic... merry heart which has gained friends... a cheerleader who peps up the players... dislikes conceited and unsociable people... plans to be a good secretary.



Edmund Coughenour "Grendel"

An unassuming lad... loves to tell fish tales... enjoys baseball.. likes fast cars and fishing.. dislikes people who talk more than he does... has one ambition: to be a saint.



Gerald Drain "Jerry"

A fine athlete... has good sense of humor... easy to get along with... likes basketball, baseball, and friendly people... does not get along with moody characters... Jerry's ambition is to become rich.



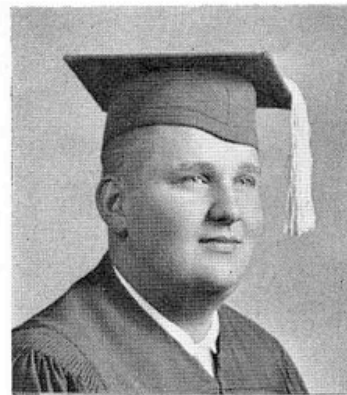
Grace Garcia "Chickie"

Good natured, fun-loving, ambitious, and reliable... ardent basketball fan... likes driving... sarcastic people are her pet peeve... hopes to be an anesthetist.



Grace Godek "Sissy"

A charming young miss who is always sweet, sensible, and sincere... likes all sports... dislikes unfriendly people... her ambition is to be a devoted wife and mother.



Alfred Gorski "Blimp"

Possesses a fine sense of humor... good-natured and friendly... likes drafting, music, and friendly people... dislikes modern jazz... plans to become a draftsman.



Barbarka Grikschat "Bash"

Perky little cheerleader... helpful... dislikes unfriendly people.. likes study hall and new friends... aspires to be a private secretary.



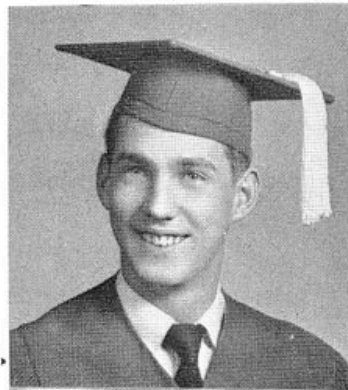
Mary Alice Gruchala

Humorous and cheerful... enjoys riding in fast cars... extremely conservative people irk her... a draftsman's job holds a fascination for her.



Barbara Jackson "Jackie"

A sweet girl with a smile for everyone... enjoys football and collecting records... dislikes writing of themes and gossip... loud people irritate her... plans to get married and be a good wife and mother.



William Kempisty "Bill"

Student Council vice-president... nonchalant, easy-going, and friendly... likes cars, fine clothes, and gay parties... detests people who don't chip in for gas... lives by the motto, "Better late than never."



Christine Kozlowski "Chris"

A small bundle of humor and pep... a vivacious cheerleader... dislikes sophisticated people... her ambition is to be 5 feet.



Patricia Krause "Krausie"

A girl with a pleasing personality to match her winning smile... sincere and ever ready to lend a helping hand... dislikes loud people and mean bus drivers... plans to be an I. B. M. operator.



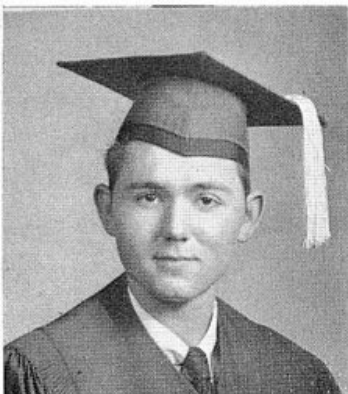
Bernadine Krzesowiak "Bernie"

Energetic and friendly with a helping hand for all... likes swimming, skating, and visiting friends... dislikes gum chewers and unfriendly people... ambition is to work in an office.



Rosemary Laskowski "Rosie"

A cheerful girl who renders service with smile... likes music and dancing... bossy people annoy her... wants to be a good wife.



Cordell Lollis "Skurv"

Quiet and reserved... willing to oblige... likes baseball, football, and swimming... dislikes staying after school... desires to be a draftsman.



Constance Mackiewicz "Boots"

Always ready to be of service... kind and considerate... delights in golf, bowling, and swimming... has no use for insincere people... is determined to be a good wife and mother.



Betty Maloney

Soft-voiced and unassuming... favorite subject is shorthand... people who complain are her pet peeve... intends to be a secretary.



Janice Marchand "Jan"

Short in stature, high in esteem... simple, sweet, neat... dances away sorrow... liked by everyone... favorite subject is typing... fresh boys are her pet peeve...



Denise Narkun "Deno"

Carefree and pleasant... a born athlete... vibrant personality... dislikes people who do not attend girls' basketball games.



Delores Niedzwiecke "Dee"

Sweet, ambitious, and fun-loving... smart clothes rate with her... an able cheer leader... enjoys basketball... hopes to be an air-line hostess.



Gloria Novak "Glor"

A neat and quiet girl with an engaging personality... delights in beautiful clothes, dancing, and sport cars... show-offs annoy her... wants to be a secretary or a model.



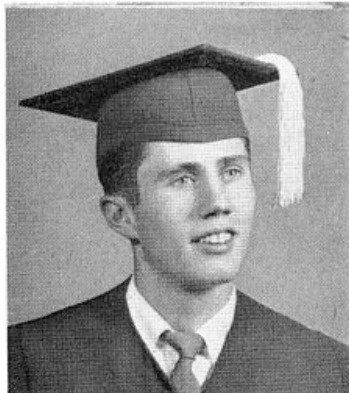
Irene Olszewski "Susie"

Energetic with mischief up her sleeve... adds sparkle to any gathering... enjoys using her imagination as a feature editor... thinks little of jazz... plans to be a free lance writer.



Carrol Ann Peters

A quiet but spry lass... fun-loving... pizza and ice-skating are tops with her... detests cars that won't run and being called "Annie"... wants to be a social worker.



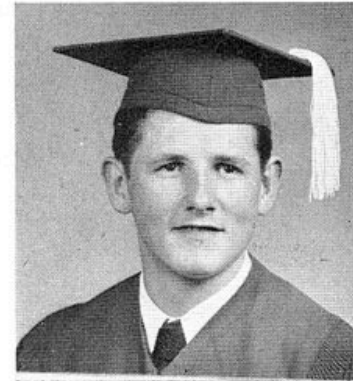
Stanley Pietrzyk "Stan"

A very likeable lad who has made many friends... adds vitality to school life... a welcome addition to any affair... enjoys driving fast cars and eating pizza... can't see women drivers and unpleasant people... plans to be a draftsman.



Robert Radecki

Always cheerful and gay... a friendly person whose interest lies in cars... ambition is to serve his country in the Marines.



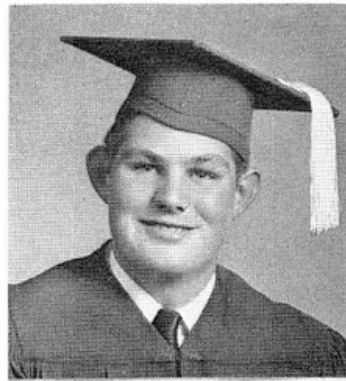
Merrill Rizner

Combination of mischief and sincerity... world laughs with him... enjoys bowling... rates humorous people highly... dislikes show-offs... hopes to be a business man.



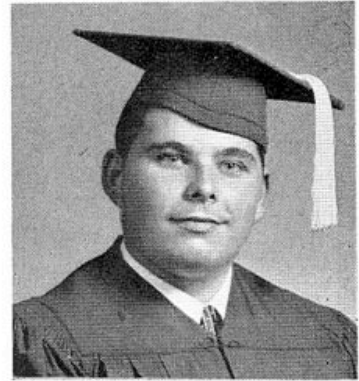
Patricia Rogus "Par"

Tall, sweet, and punctual... always pleasant... likes to read and listen to music... enjoys all sports... a leading guard for Flames... dislikes dishonest people... her ambition is to be a nurse.



Paul Romps

Easy-going, casual, with quiet ways... excels in math... has a witty answer for every remark... books are his hobby... women drivers, his pet peeve.



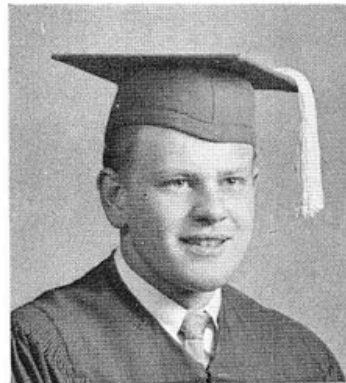
Thomas Rozanski "Tiny"

A friendly and jolly fellow... an asset to intramural basketball games... always ready with a witty remark... new cars are his favorites... aspires to become an engineer.



Nancy Rumps

Sociable and well-liked... always poised... likes the senior class better than any other... dislikes loud people... to become a good wife and mother is her aim.



Thomas Shook "Tom"

A friendly young fellow who is well liked by all... enjoys driving and playing basketball... dislikes hot rodders and show-offs... his ambition is to be an airplane test pilot.



Shirley Sierota "Shirl"

A friendly person... unselfish and considerate... likes all people and has a smile for everyone... dislikes people who talk too much... ambition is to become a nurse.



Bernard Skotzke "Scotty"

Helpful and courteous... likes history and cars... dislikes conceited girls and women drivers... would especially like to become a mechanical engineer.



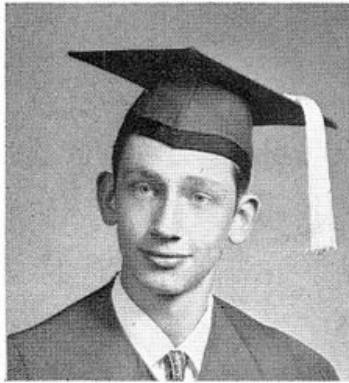
Lucille Smith "Lulu"

Active and reliable... a sport enthusiast... outstanding on the basketball court... an active participant in the Sodality... enjoys driving but has an aversion for backseat drivers and Hollywood mufflers... her ambition is to be a nurse.



Mary Smith "Tweets"

A popular young lady... reserved and unassuming... amiable at all times... enjoys sports... doesn't approve of inconsiderate people... desires to be a private secretary.



Leo Sochacki "Lank"

A quiet lad who is always reserved and courteous... offers service with a smile... likes bowling, movies, and money... doesn't like waking up in the morning and fast drivers... aspires to be a draftsman.



Patricia Stacherski "Pat"

Her jollity reflects her personality... always pleasant... likes dancing, movies, and convertibles... dislikes gossip, crabby people, and timed writings... her ambition is to marry a rich man.



Theresa Steffke

A quiet girl with a sunny smile... well-mannered... helpful... likes sports, especially boating and fishing... dislikes horseback riding and pizza.



Gregory Szwarc "Shots"

Light-hearted and fun-loving... plays intramural basketball... likes hot rods and fancy clothes... dislikes conceited people... hopes to go into business.



Marion Szymanski

Cooperative, sincere... full of life and jollity... enjoys sports and jazz... a spontaneous, happy smile radiates her face... dislikes people who draw the wrong conclusions.



Loretta Valla

A pleasant personality with a sunny disposition... a conscientious Sodality Prefect... enjoys humorous people... dislikes gossipers... hope to become a teacher.



Geraldine Waiter "Gerry"

Short, sweet, and sincere... possesses an unlimited amount of wit... dislikes peroxide blonds... her ambition is to be a secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Faculty and the student body express their sincere congratulations to the graduating class of 1957. God bless you in all you do!

CLASS OF 1957

- Class Flower — Rose
- Class Patroness — The Immaculate Conception
- Class Colors — Green and White
- Motto — Onward ever; backward never.



Seniors take active part in the annual operetta, America's Troubadous.

Upper left: The couples strike a pose before they start to dance the waltz.

Upper light: The four Knights of the Square Table serenade Jeanie McDowell as Mr. and Mrs. Foster and their friends look on.

Lower left: Stephen Foster with Jeanie McDowell.

Lower right: The girls entertain the audience with their tap dance.

A Graduation Prayer

May the love of God go with you
 Through the days that lie ahead,
 So that by His faithful guidance
 You will constantly be led . . .
 And in all the plans you cherish
 May He prosper, help, and bless,
 So your hopes will find fulfillment
 In the joy of true success!



JUNE EVENTS

- June 2 — Annual Senior Day
- May 31 - June 3 — Final Exams
- June 4 — School outing to Walled Lake
- June 6 — Awards Day
- June 6 — Class Programs
- June 7 — Assembly — Senior program
- June 9 — Graduation
- June 11 — Vacation begins



The seniors began their scholastic year the right way! Leo Sochacki, class president, receives the Merit Cup from Sister M. Amelberga, principal. (Ballum Studio)

A THANK YOU NOTE

For your protection and guidance throughout our years at S. C. H., we wish to express our sincere thank you, dear Blessed Mother Mary.

For your continued interest in our welfare we thank you, Father E. Maisel.

For the deeper knowledge and appreciation of our Catholic Religion which you have given us, Reverend Fathers, we thank you.

For your timeless efforts in making our school what it is, we thank you our everlasting friend, Sister Mary Amelberga.

To you, beloved Faculty, for your patience and understanding, we express our gratitude.

We must not forget to mention you, Mom and Dad, for giving us the great opportunity to attend a Catholic high school. We appreciate your sacrifice.

And, lastly, to everyone who has helped us enjoy our years at school — to our friends, and our classmates — we can say one small phrase, Thank You!

Seniors

IN REVIEW

September, 1953 was a memorable one . . . We entered the portals of SCH . . . Though unfamiliar with high school activities, we became a part of everything . . . Remember our dancing with the seniors at the Hello Dance . . . our winning the Casmirette Ad Drive . . . serving the Ring Day breakfast . . . voting for the first time for the Student Council Officers . . .

As sophomores we became a little more bold . . . Can you recall our first project, the bake sale . . . sophs' dress-up day . . . taking part in the operetta, "In Gay Havana" . . . the time the freshies challenged the girls to a baseball game . . .

Our junior year was by far more active than the first two . . . First, there was the Junior Skating Party . . . then, our first big dance, the J-Hop . . . the Ring-Day breakfast we sponsored . . . "Festival of America" . . . the Senior-Junior Prom . . . and finally the Buttons and Bows campaign . . .

After three long years, the time came when everybody looked up to us, because we were seniors. We will always remember our class song, "Give Us This Day" . . . receiving our school rings and the breakfast afterwards . . . the Senior Dance . . . the Pre-Lenten Dance . . . the senior trip . . . "America's Troubadour" . . . The May crowning of our Lady . . . Senior skip day . . . Honors Day and Commencement Exercises . . . and, finally, Graduation Day and all its excitement . . .

These are the memories that are dear to us . . .

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FAREWELL!

As our high school days come to a close and Graduation Day draws near, we are faced with the sad task of bidding farewell to our Alma Mater and everything associated with it.

Farewell to our Pastor, Rev. E. Maisel, to our assistant Priests, and all the Faculty! May you be rewarded for all the efforts exerted in preparing us to meet life's responsibilities.

Good-bye to our friends, the lower classmen! We have spent many happy moments with you — the memories of these days will always be cherished.

May God bless you and Good-bye!

Seniors

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We the class of 1957 of St. Casimir high school, being of sound mind and conscious of the fact that our school days are numbered, do hereby declare this our Last Will and Testament and make the following bequests:

To the Faculty we leave our gratitude.

To the juniors, who were freezing during the winter months, our warm classrooms.

To the sophs, our spirit to keep St. Casimir on top.

To the freshmen, our love of S. C. H.

To those who will carry on the work of the Student Council, the incentive to fulfill their duties in the best way possible.

To those with cars, our limited parking space and the privilege of driving the nuns around.

To those with athletic abilities, our fighting spirit.

In testimony whereof we declare that this Will is to be signed and sealed on June 9, 1957.

Seniors

Farewell, Seniors

As the end of the school year approaches, adieus are in order. To you, seniors, especially we wish to say good-bye. Wherever you'll be and whatever you choose to do may God's blessing be with you.

Juniors

Farewell to you, dear seniors,
We'll miss you when you go.
You've been so kind and friendly
As all the sophomores know.
To you dear Seniors,
There is but this to say —
Good luck and God's blessing,
Now and after Graduation Day.

Sophomores

We, the youngest members of St. Casimir high school, want to wish you luck and happiness, Graduates! May your every undertaking be crowned with success.

Freshmen

WE BOW . . .

in gratitude to the chauffeurs who have willingly supplied transportation on so many different occasions throughout the year.

The Faculty and seniors appreciate the kindness of: S. Pietrzyk, B. Butcher, E. Coughenour, B. Skotzke, C. Cichon, B. Kempisty, and G. Garcia.

STAFF BIDS ADIEU

Graduation is a time for both joy and sorrow. It is with regret that we, the Casmirette staff, leave to the new members, all the trials, ac-

complishments, and joys we have experienced as budding journalists.

We hope that you will carry on the work of the past staffs. May the Blessed Mother help you in your journalistic endeavors.

AS WE SEE THEM

The seniors have lived their life at SCH to the fullest. And yet, a single line is sufficient to characterize most of them.

"A sweet smile is born of joy in the heart." D. Chmiel

"Life is but a span; I'll live every inch." G. Godek

"The secret of happiness is not allowing trifles to vex us." M. Smith

"Life is too short to have troubles." P. Romps

"The secret of happiness is constancy of purpose." J. Baran

"It's doing your best — that's success." P. Krause

"There is no time like the present." D. Niedzwieck

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men." B. Butcher

"Take responsibility on your shoulders; it leaves no room for chips." P. Rogus

"A man who lives slowly lives long." G. Szwarc

"Every cloud has a silver lining." C. Mackiewicz

"Effort brings success." B. Botlock

"Happiness lies in making others happy." S. Sierota

"Patience is the virtue of all men." B. Kempisty

"Anything worth doing at all, is worth doing well." G. Bielak

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YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU ----- study periods

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD ----- knowledge

WHEN I WAS A GIRL ----- Ah! sweet memories

FOREVER FREE ----- from carrying books home

OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY ---- on Graduation Day

THE CORRECT THING ----- sob in your hanky

IF YOU PLEASE ----- remember us.